

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. **(New)** A molded shell for use as a helmet which comprises:

an inner layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic material,

an outer layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic material, and

an integral intermediate layer located between portions of said inner and outer layers, said intermediate layer comprising first, second and third layers of non-woven fabric bonded together, and a molded net member located between said first and second layers, said molded net member comprising a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin and defining strands and square openings between said strands, said openings being filled by said first and second layers.

4. **(New)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermosetting resin.

5. **(New)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermoplastic resin.